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SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND DWELLINGS FOR THE TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND.

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INTRODUCTION.

This Bulletin contains an analysis, in summary form, of the population and dwellings of the Territory of Christmas Island as enumerated at the Census of 30th June, 1961; the first Census of Population and Housing since the island was transferred to Australian administration on 1st October, 1958. It is one of a series of Census Bulletins for the States and Territories and for Australia as a whole being issued as information becomes available from the first phase of machine tabulation. The information herein may be subject to minor amendment on completion of later tabulations. A list of 1961 Census publications already issued appears at the end of this Bulletin.

In this Bulletin the population is classified according to age, conjugal condition, birthplace, period of residence on Christmas Island of persons born outside Christmas Is.,nationality,race,religion, industry and occupational status. Dwellings are classified according to class, (i.e., private house, flat, etc.) and private houses according to number of rooms, number of inmates, material of outer walls, nature of occupancy, date of building, rent and facilities.

Each major table herein shows the numbers of males, females and persons or of dwellings according to one particular characteristic (e.g., age or conjugal condition of persons or number of rooms or inmates of dwellings). At a later stage the data in this Bulletin will be published in amplified form in the Detailed Tables of the Census and detailed analyses showing particulars of both population and dwellings in a series of cross tabulations (e.g the numbers of males and females in the various industries according to their age groups and the numbers of dwellings according to both numbers of rooms and inmates, etc.) will be available in the Census Division of the Bureau.

PART A. - POPULATION OF THE TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND

CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

1. Age. - The following table shows the numbers of each sex in each five-year age group at the 1961 Census.

TABLE 1. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Age last Birthday (Years)	Males	Females	Persons	
			Total	Percent. of Total
0 - 4	255	223	478	15.43
5 - 9	232	223	455	14.68
10 - 14	155	156	311	10.04
15 - 19	91	64	155	5.00
20 - 24	261	82	343	11.07
25 - 29	208	81	289	9.33
30 - 34	166	82	248	8.00
35 - 39	119	56	175	5.65
40 - 44	111	54	165	5.32
45 - 49	125	33	158	5.10
50 - 54	105	32	137	4.42
55 - 59	72	26	98	3.16
60 - 64	40	9	49	1.58
65 - 69	13	9	22	.71
70 - 74	8	4	12	.39
75 - 79	1	..	1	.03
80 - 84	1	..	1	.03
85 - 89	..	1	1	.03
90 - 94	..	1	1	.03
TOTAL	1,963	1,136	3,099	100.00
Under 21	783	683	1,466	47.31
21 - 64	1,157	438	1,595	51.47
65 and over	23	15	38	1.22
TOTAL	1,963	1,136	3,099	100.00

The age group with most persons was the 0-4 years group with 15.4 per cent. of the total population. The age group 5-9 was next with 14.7 per cent. of the population, followed by the group 20-24 with 11.1 per cent.

Because of the labour requirements of the phosphate industry on the island there is a marked excess of males in the working age groups. The sex distribution of the total population showed a male surplus of 827 the ratio of the sexes being 172.8 males per 100 females.

2. Conjugal Condition. - The following table shows the population of Christmas Island classified according to sex and conjugal condition.

TABLE 2. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : CONJUGAL CONDITION OF THE POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Conjugal Condition	Males	Females	Persons
Never Married -			
Under 15 years of age	642	602	1,244
15 years of age and over	690	78	768
TOTAL	1,332	680	2,012
Married	604	419	1,023
Married but Permanently Separated	3	1	4
Widowed	21	34	55
Divorced	3	2	5
GRAND TOTAL	1,963	1,136	3,099

At 30th June, 1961, 64.9 per cent. of the population were never married; 33.0 per cent. married; 0.1 per cent. married but permanently separated; 1.8 per cent. widowed and 0.2 per cent. divorced.

3. Birthplace. - The following table shows the birthplaces of the population of Christmas Island at the 1961 Census.

TABLE 3. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : BIRTHPLACES OF THE POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Birthplace	Males	Females	Persons
Australasia -			
Christmas Island	475	424	899
Australia	50	58	108
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	130	101	231
Nauru	..	1	1
New Zealand	3	1	4
TOTAL AUSTRALASIA	658	585	1,243
Europe -			
England	18	10	28
Wales	1	..	1
Scotland	4	4	8
Northern Ireland	1	..	1
Ireland, Republic of	2	..	2
Other Countries in Europe	7	2	9
TOTAL EUROPE	33	16	49
Asia -			
China	508	155	663
Hong Kong	6	6	12
India	13	4	17
Indonesia	34	32	66
Malaya	219	98	317
Singapore	485	233	718
Other Countries in Asia	5	6	11
TOTAL ASIA	1,270	534	1,804
Africa	1	..	1
America	..	1	1
Pacific Islands	1	..	1
TOTAL BORN OUTSIDE CHRISTMAS ISLAND	1,488	712	2,200
GRAND TOTAL	1,963	1,136	3,099

At 30th June, 1961, 29.0 per cent. of the total population were born in Christmas Island.

Of the persons born outside Christmas Island, those born in the following countries were most numerous: Singapore, 23.2 per cent. of the total population; China, 21.4 per cent.; Malaya, 10.2 per cent.; Cocos (Keeling) Islands, 7.5 per cent.; and Australia, 3.5 per cent. In the case of Singapore, China and Malaya, males were greatly in excess of females.

4. Period of Residence. - The period of residence in Christmas Island, at 30th June, 1961, of persons born outside the Island is shown in the following table.

TABLE 4. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN CHRISTMAS ISLAND OF PERSONS BORN OUTSIDE CHRISTMAS ISLAND, CENSUS, 30th JUNE, 1961.

Period of Residence in Christmas Island (Years)	Males	Females	Persons
Under 1	219	63	282
1 and under 2	77	23	100
2 " " 3	1,000	500	1,500
3 " " 4	16	10	26
4 " " 5	7	4	11
5 " " 6	16	6	22
6 " " 7	18	10	28
7 " " 14	74	58	132
14 " " 21	23	12	35
21 and over	28	16	44
Not Stated	10	10	20
Born outside Christmas Island	1,488	712	2,200
Born in Christmas Island	475	424	899
TOTAL	1,963	1,136	3,099

Of those persons born outside Christmas Island who stated their period of residence, 86.3 per cent. had, at 30th June, 1961, resided on the Island less than 3 years.

5. Nationality (i.e. Allegiance). - The following table sets out the main nationalities on Christmas Island at the 1961 Census.

TABLE 5. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : NATIONALITY (i.e. ALLEGIANCE) OF THE POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Nationality	Males	Females	Persons
British -			
Born in Christmas Island	475	424	899
Born outside Christmas Island	1,236	612	1,848
TOTAL BRITISH	1,711	1,036	2,747
Foreign -			
German	1	..	1
Dutch	4	..	4
Burmese	..	1	1
Chinese	221	76	297
Indonesian	25	21	46
Thai	1	2	3
TOTAL FOREIGN	252	100	352
GRAND TOTAL	1,963	1,136	3,099

At 30th June, 1961, 88.6 per cent. of the total population and 84.0 per cent. of the oversea-born population were British subjects.

Chinese (9.6 per cent. of the total population) were the most numerous of the foreign nationals followed by Indonesian (1.5 per cent.).

6. Race. - At Census date, only 204 persons (110 males and 94 females) or 6.6 per cent. of the population were of European race. The remaining 2,895 persons of non-European race consisted mainly of 2,088 of Chinese race (1,378 males and 710 females), 619 of Malay race (373 males and 246 females) and 88 of Javanese race (47 males and 41 females). Those of Chinese and Malay race constituted 67.4 per cent. and 20.0 per cent. respectively of the total population.

7. Religion. - The following table shows the religions of those persons who answered this question (which is not obligatory), at the 1961 Census. There were 1,337 persons or 43.1 per cent. of the population who declined to answer the question.

Of the 1,762 who answered 84.6 per cent. were Non-Christian and 15.0 per cent. Christian. Of the Christian religions the Roman Catholic Church had most adherents (viz. 104) consisting of 63 who described themselves as "Roman Catholic" and 41 as "Catholic". It is presumed that most of the latter were adherents of the Roman Catholic Church. Church of England was next with 84 adherents followed by Presbyterian with 23.

No details of the Non-Christian religions are available.

TABLE 6. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : RELIGIONS OF THE POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Religion	Males	Females	Persons
Christian -			
Baptist	..	..	..
Brethren	..	..	..
Catholic, Roman (a)	46	17	63
Catholic (a)	28	13	41
Churches of Christ	2	3	5
Church of England	41	43	84
Congregational	..	..	..
Greek Orthodox	3	4	7
Lutheran	3	..	3
Methodist	6	7	13
Presbyterian	13	10	23
Protestant (undefined)	11	5	16
Salvation Army	..	..	..
Seventh Day Adventist	..	1	1
Other (including Christian undefined)	7	1	8
TOTAL CHRISTIAN	160	104	264
Non-Christian -			
Hebrew	..	..	..
Other	948	542	1,490
TOTAL NON-CHRISTIAN	948	542	1,490
Indefinite	4	3	7
No Religion	1	..	1
No Reply	850	487	1,337
GRAND TOTAL	1,963	1,136	3,099

(a) So described in individual Census Schedules.

8. Industry. - The following table shows the main groups of industry for persons on Christmas Island at 30th June, 1961.

Mining and Quarrying accounted for 80.8 per cent. of the total work force at 30th June, 1961. Building and Construction absorbed 6.7 per cent. and Community and Business Services (including Professional) 4.8 per cent.

TABLE 7. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Industry Group	Males	Females	Persons
Primary Production	2	..	2
Mining and Quarrying	1,094	19	1,113
Manufacturing	..	..	..
Electricity, Gas, Water and Sanitary Services (Production, Supply and Maintenance)	21	..	21
Building and Construction	93	..	93
Transport and Storage and Communication	16	..	16
Finance and Property	..	2	2
Commerce	9	1	10
Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Defence Services	5	..	5
Community and Business Services (including Professional) (a)	39	27	66
Amusement, Hotels and Other Accommodation, Cafes, Personal Service, etc.	15	34	49
Other Industries and Industry Inadequately Described or Not Stated	1	..	1
TOTAL IN WORK FORCE	1,295	83	1,378
Persons not in Work Force	668	1,053	1,721
GRAND TOTAL	1,963	1,136	3,099

(a) Includes police, fire brigades, hospitals, medical and dental services, education, and business services such as consultant engineering and surveying, accountancy and auditing, industrial and trade associations, advertising, etc.

9. Occupational Status. - The following table gives details of the occupational status of the population at 30th June, 1961.

At 30th June, 1961, all persons at work on Christmas Island gave their status as employee. Of the total population 55.5 per cent. were dependent population (i.e. persons not in the work force).

TABLE 8. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : OCCUPATIONAL STATUS OF POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Occupational Status	Males	Females	Persons
In Work Force -			
At Work -			
Employer	..	..	..
Self-Employed	..	..	..
Employee	1,295	82	1,377
Helper (not on wage or salary)	..	..	..
TOTAL	1,295	82	1,377
Not at Work	..	1	1
TOTAL IN WORK FORCE	1,295	83	1,378
Not in Work Force -			
Child not attending School	338	316	654
Full time student or child attending School	324	294	618
Independent means, including "Retired (so described)"	..	3	3
Home Duties	..	434	434
Pensioner or Annuitant	4	2	6
Inmates of Institutions	..	..	..
Others not in Work Force	2	4	6
TOTAL NOT IN WORK FORCE	668	1,053	1,721
GRAND TOTAL	1,963	1,136	3,099

PART B. - DWELLINGS IN THE TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND

CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

10. Definitions and Scope. - For the purpose of the Census a dwelling is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or only a part of a building.

Occupied Dwellings are classified into "private" and "other than private"dwellings.

Private Dwellings comprise private houses (including sheds, huts, etc. used as dwellings), flats, etc.

Other than Private Dwellings include the hospital and staff quarters.

Unoccupied Dwellings include dwellings temporarily unoccupied on the night of the Census and newly completed dwellings awaiting occupation.

The detailed information in this Part relates to private houses occupied at the date of the Census. However, the number of private dwellings other than houses and the number of dwellings other than private is given in Table 10. The number of unoccupied dwellings is shown in Table 9.

11. Summary of Population and Dwellings. - The following table is a summary of the population and dwellings (as defined above) in the Territory of Christmas Island at 30th June, 1961.

TABLE 9. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND DWELLINGS, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Area in square miles	Population			Number of Persons per square mile	Dwellings (a)			Number of Dwellings per square mile (b)
	Males	Females	Persons		Occupied	Un-occupied	Total	
55	1,963	1,136	3,099	56.3	633	51	684	12.4

(a) Private and non-private. (b) Occupied and unoccupied.

12. Occupied Dwellings according to Class of Dwelling. - The following table shows the number of occupied dwellings according to class of dwelling at the Census of 30th June, 1961. Private houses represented 96.2 per cent. of all occupied private dwellings.

TABLE. 10. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : OCCUPIED DWELLINGS ACCORDING TO CLASS OF DWELLING (a), CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Private Dwellings						Dwellings Other than Private			
Private House			Flat	Other	Total Private Dwellings	Hospital	Staff Quarters	Total Dwellings other than Private	Grand Total
House	Shed, Hut, etc.	Total Private Houses							
603	2	605	6	16	627	1	5	6	633

(a) For definitions see above.

13. Occupied Private Houses according to Material of Outer Walls. - Brick was used as the material for outer walls in 93.1 per cent. of the private houses on Christmas Island at 30th June, 1961. Fibro-cement was used in 4.5 per cent.

TABLE 11. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a) CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Material of Outer Walls					Total Occupied Private Houses
Brick	Concrete	Wood	Iron	Fibro-Cement	
563	9	4	2	27	605

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc.

14. Occupied Private Houses according to Number of Rooms per Private House. - At the 1961 Census 81.8 per cent. of all occupied private houses had 3 rooms, 5.8 per cent. 4 rooms and 5.6 per cent. 5 rooms. The average number of rooms per private house was 3.28.

TABLE 12. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a) CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF ROOMS PER PRIVATE HOUSE, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Number of Rooms per Private House											Total Occupied Private Houses	Average No. of Rooms per Private House
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 and over		
4	11	495	35	34	18	6	2	..	..	..	605	3.28

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc.

NOTE:- Kitchen and permanently enclosed sleep-out are included in number of rooms but not bathroom, pantry, laundry or storehouse.

15. Occupied Private Houses according to Number of Inmates per Private House. - Private Houses with 4 inmates were the most numerous at 30th June, 1961, followed by those with 3 inmates. The average number of inmates per private house was 4.64.

TABLE 13. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a) CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF INMATES PER PRIVATE HOUSE, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Number of Inmates per Private House											Total Occupied Private Houses	Average No. of Inmates per Private House
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 and over		
35	59	111	152	71	50	49	38	17	12	11	605	4.64

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc.

16. Occupied Private Houses according to Nature of Occupancy. - Of the 605 occupied private houses on Christmas Island at 30th June, 1961, 601 were tenanted, one was owned, two had other types of occupancy and for the remaining house the nature of occupancy was not stated.

17. Occupied Private Houses according to Date of Building. - Of the 459 occupied private houses for which a date of building was supplied 374 or 81.5 per cent. were built before 1st July, 1954. Eighty five private houses (occupied at 30th June, 1961) were built after 30th June, 1954. Of these 51 or 60.0 per cent. were completed in 1960.

TABLE 14. - TERRITORY OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a) CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO DATE OF BUILDING, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Class of Dwelling	Date of Building											Grand Total Private Houses
	Before 1st July, 1954	After 30th June, 1954									Other Not Stated	
		1954 (July-Dec.)	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961 (Jan.-June)	Total After 30th June, 1954		
Occupied Private Houses	374	2	3	15	3	1	10	51	..	85	146	605

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc.

18. Occupied Private Houses according to Facilities. - The question on facilities - gas and electricity - was answered for 604 occupied private houses on Christmas Island. Of these 599 (99.2 per cent.) had electricity only, 4 had no gas or electricity and the remaining house, although without electricity, returned gas as a facility.

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No. 4. Queensland - Population of Cities and Towns, and of Non-Municipal Towns (1,000 persons or more)	16th Oct., 1961
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